

## 1,000 mourn dead Arab youth

JERUSALEM, April 6 (R). — About 1,000 mourners carrying anti-Israeli slogans turned out in Jerusalem today for the funeral of an Arab shot dead by an Israeli civil defence guard. Police who with security forces watched the funeral from a distance said there were incidents. Half an hour later, 20, from East Jerusalem, was killed yesterday near the spot where an Israeli soldier was shot and fatally wounded the previous day. Pupils at two Arab schools in Ramallah and Nablus on the occupied West Bank boycotted classes today in protest at the shooting of Tahan. Demonstrating pupils who halted traffic and stoned passing vehicles were sent back into the school yards by security forces.

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## French General named for UN force

PARIS, April 6 (R). — French Brig.-Gen. Jean-Paul Cau, a 51-year-old artilleryman, is expected to be appointed as deputy commander of United Nations peacekeeping troops in Lebanon, informed sources said today. The defence ministry said yesterday that a French general would get the post of second-in-command to Maj.-Gen. Emmanuel Erskine of Ghana and that France would handle the U.N. force's logistical support. Brig.-Gen. Cau, who served in the Indochina and Algerian wars, is at army headquarters in Paris. His last regimental command was that of the parachute artillery unit of the French overseas intervention force.

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## Badran declares trip to Libya "fruitful"



His Majesty King Hussein chats with visiting Secretary General of the Arab League Dr. Mahmoud Riad at the Royal Hashemite Court in Amman on Thursday. (JNA photo)

## Owen's attack on Soviet and Cuban interference in Africa draws protest

LONDON, April 6 (R). — The United Kingdom and its allies reacted angrily today after a speech by British Foreign Secretary David Owen over the role of Africa.

Speaking across the dinner table to foreign ambassadors, Dr. Owen warned of serious consequences if Cuban troops got more involved in Rhodesia and Namibia (Southwest Africa).

He also called on the United States to speak up against Soviet and Cuban efforts to sustain the Eritrean revolt in Ethiopia.

In the Ogaden desert war, Soviet backing for Ethiopia had ended a conflict which the Kremlin itself started by arming Somalia beyond the needs of self-defence, he added.

Today Dr. Owen was at a meeting of the British cabinet but there was little doubt of broad British political support for his attack.

Newspapers here gave the speech splash treatment. A Foreign Office spokesman said the telephone had been ringing all day and the speech had sparked "very considerable interest."

The spokesman denied suggestions the text had been checked with the United States in advance but acknowledged the Foreign Office was in close contact with Washington on the situation in the Horn of Africa.

He also refuted a claim by the Ethiopian ambassador that the speech was interference in Addis Ababa's internal affairs.

The Soviet note, delivered to the Foreign Office by a first secretary, was not published. But officials said it briefly set out Moscow's refutation.

## King Hussein briefs Mahmoud Riad on Jordan's plan for common action

AMMAN, April 6 (Agencies). — Arab League Secretary General Mahmoud Riad arrived in Amman today from Saudi Arabia and was received by His Majesty King Hussein at the Royal Hashemite Court this afternoon.

Mr. Riad met earlier with acting Premier Abdul Salam Al Majali and Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, who is acting Foreign Minister.

Mr. Riad reported to the King on the results of his current tour of Arab countries

where he contacted Arab leaders with a view to reaching a common position for Arab action.

During the meeting the King and Mr. Riad reviewed the current situation and ways of strengthening the Arab position.

The secretary general was briefed on the plan of action proposed by the Jordanian government which will be submitted at the Arab summit which King Hussein has called for.

The meeting was attended by Chief of the Royal Hashemite Court Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf and Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh.

## Preparation

Upon arrival in Amman, Mr. Riad stressed that Arab solidarity and joint Arab action are only way to confront Israel.

Mr. Riad's visit here is part of a tour of Arab capitals to rally support for the summit meeting, also proposed by north Yemen and Sudan. He visited Damascus before going to Riyadh yesterday and he was expected to go to Gulf capitals after Amman.

But though the chances of holding a summit have improved, officials here say there are still major problems on the road to a successful meeting.

Jordanian officials say they do not expect a summit meeting to convene in the very near future and preparations could take two or more months.

Syria, Algeria, South Yemen, the Libyan Jamahiriya and the Palestine Liberation Organisation which form an anti-Egyptian front, and Iraq have to be persuaded to attend.

## Syrian press criticises summit call

## Lebanese reported to demand PLO withdrawal from south of Litani

JEDDAH, April 6 (R). — A row has erupted between Lebanon and Syria over whether Palestinian commandos or invading Israeli forces should first withdraw from south Lebanon.

The Lebanese Foreign Ministry was contacting the Beirut

"to take measures to abolish the Palestinian presence in a number of areas north of the Litani river," the most advanced line of the Israeli invasion of south Lebanon.

The Lebanese Foreign Ministry was contacting the Beirut ambassadors of those countries "in the light of conditions laid down by Israel for evacuating the south," the paper said.

The Palestinian resistance, supported by Lebanese Moslem leaders, has turned down the Lebanese demands, the paper added.

In Kuwait, the weekly newspaper Al Hadaf said today behind-the-scenes efforts were under way in the Lebanese capital to have the parliament abrogate a nine-year-old agreement regulating the Palestinian presence in Lebanon.



Supporters of Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin collect signatures on a pro-Begin petition in Tel Aviv on Thursday. (AP wirephoto)

## Four suspects arrested in search for Moro

ROME, April 6 (R). — Police today arrested three men and a woman possibly linked with the Red Brigades guerrillas who kidnapped ex-premier Aldo Moro three weeks ago today.

The arrests just outside Naples were the only hint of progress in the search for Signor Moro, 61, and the far-left kidnappers who hold him in what they say is a "people's prison."

The police said the arrests were made in a dawn raid on a summer apartment, on the coast about 40 kms. north of Naples.

Arms, ammunition and a silencer for a revolver were found. So were two radios able to receive and transmit, said the police, and documents published by an extremist group called "front line."

New incidents in Italy's wave of violence were reported overnight. Bombs damaged a Rome bank and two car showrooms. A firebomb in Bologna damaged an office.

These attacks apparently reflected far-left anger at a police ban on a Rome demonstration tomorrow which was to have protested against the detention of more than 100 leftists since the Moro kidnapping.

Signor Moro, Italy's leading politician, was grabbed in a Rome ambush on March 16 when his five guards were killed by the far-left Red Brigades.

From captivity this week he sent a letter pleading for an exchange of prisoners to set him free but all major figures

in Italy, including the Pope, today remained united in rejecting any form of blackmail by the guerrillas.

The Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano said yesterday that "the unanimous view here is: No retreat before blackmail."

A Milan newspaper, il Giornale, reported that negotiations between the Red Brigades and a Vatican envoy had started in Switzerland possibly through a go-between. A Vatican denial is expected.

Police said the documents which they seized near Naples today could lead to an expanded search for Signor Moro in other parts of Italy.

They arrested Maria Ardizzone, 28, Lanfranco Caminiti, 29, both students, Davide Sac-

co, 18, and Ugo Melchionda, 23. Italian newspaper analysed the aim of the Red Brigades in sending letters signed by Signor Moro appealing to his friends in politics to work out the prisoner exchange to set him free.

The terrorists have two aims -- to demolish the moral and political figure of the president of the Christian Democratic Party (Signor Moro) and divide the party's other leaders," said the leading daily Corriere Della Sera of Milan.

La Stampa of Turin said: "They want to destroy the Christian Democrats and also strike at their secretary, Benigno Zaccagnini, whose sensitive nature is well-known, and to humiliate the state."

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## The mediator's contradictions are showing

The speech by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton in Atlanta, Georgia Wednesday contains some refreshing clarifications about the need for an Israeli territorial withdrawal on all fronts, but it also contains some distressing contradictions in American policy. The contradiction we find most inappropriate is the American view of the Palestinians as this is matched up against the American view of the Israelis. Mr. Atherton stated in his speech that Resolution 242 is a package that is to be carried out as a whole, and on all fronts, though he specified that the extent of Israeli withdrawal in the West Bank is something that can only be resolved in negotiations. But then, a few minutes later, Mr. Atherton says the question of the representation of the Palestinians has been a tricky one, because the Israelis and the Americans do not accept the PLO "in view of the PLO's non-acceptance of resolution 242 as the basis for negotiations and its refusal to state publicly its willingness to recognise the right of all states in the area, which include Israel, to live in peace within secure and recognised boundaries..."

What has happened to that important procedural requirement, stated just a few minutes before in Mr. Atherton's speech, of resolving matters by a process of direct negotiations? Is the centrality of negotiated agreements pertinent only when it comes to an Israeli withdrawal, and not to an enunciation of Palestinian rights?

What kind of farcical peacemaking process are we involved in if Israel acts only after negotiations, and the Palestinian people act only according to the irrational dictates of Israel's anti-Palestinian racism? Why not negotiate the principles of 242 as one is asked to negotiate the principles of withdrawal and peace?

The PLO itself is not the problem that holds up peace talks, as the Americans and the Israelis claim. The problem is the Israeli national house of cards that is fatally vulnerable to a recognition of the Palestinian national reality. For Mr. Atherton to institutionalise this Zionist denial of Palestinian rights into American policy in the Middle East is a combination of bad politics and bad morality, unbecoming of a mediator.

Mediators who go around proclaiming their own contradictions are bad mediators, doomed to failure by their intellectual docility in the face of Zionist coercion. That's the problem, not the PLO or the Palestinians or the many other excuses that the Israelis come up with to keep the negotiating process sidetracked. The problem is that Zionism is stronger than America, and America's mediating efforts are hamstrung by an inability to play a coherent and constructive mediating role in view of the veto that Israel has imposed on American policy. This is the contradiction that the Americans apparently are not willing to face up to, and it comes through loud and clear in Mr. Atherton's speeches.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

"Within the next few days King Hussein's emissaries will be leaving for Arab capitals carrying what might be regarded as the last serious call in the present dark phase of Arab history to save what can be saved before it is too late," AL RA'I said in an editorial Thursday.

Referring to the cabinet meeting under King Hussein last Monday to work out an agenda for an Arab summit, the newspaper describes the meeting as a new initiative to "mend Arab relations and rebuild Arab solidarity on clear and sound bases."

Jordan still believes that a unified Arab position is the only way to surmount causes of weakness and division and confront Zionist encroachment on Arab existence itself, AL RA'I says. The newspaper hopes that Arab leaders will discuss Jordan's missive, sincerely and impartially, as a basis for action in the coming dangerous stage.

AL DUSTOUR, commands Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi's endorsement of convening an Arab summit; and of Jordan's efforts towards this end.

The newspaper notes with satisfaction President Anwar Sadat's expressed readiness to attend such a summit. At the same time, the newspaper adds, the intensive efforts of President Jaafar Nimeiry of Sudan to cement Arab solidarity are indicative of Arab determination to institute a unified position, indispensable to meet the tremendous challenges threatening the Arab nation as a whole.

## National News Roundup

### New appointments transfers planned in diplomatic service

AMMAN, April 6 (JT). — A new list of appointments and transfers in the diplomatic service is being prepared by the Foreign Ministry involving a number of ambassadors and ministers plenipotentiary, Al Ra'i reported. According to the newspaper Mr. Salah Abu Zeid, Mr. Naji Abdul Aziz and Mr. Diab Al Oran, the Jordanian ambassadors to London, Khartoum and Baghdad respectively will be transferred to the Foreign Office in Amman. Ambassador to Bonn Ibrahim Izzidine will be transferred to Amman for appointment as ambassador to another European capital; Marwan Doudin, the former Director General of the Jordan Cooperatives Organisation, will be appointed ambassador in an East European capital. Mr. Hani Khalifeh will be appointed ambassador to a European capital, and Mr. Hisham Al Shawwa will be transferred to Amman to be appointed ambassador to an Arab capital.

### Pakistani military team visits forward army positions

AMMAN, April 6 (JNA). — The visiting Pakistani military delegation led by Lt. Gen. Sadeq Rasheed Abbasi today paid a visit to the Karameh Martyrs monument in the Jordan Valley. The delegation toured a number of forward army positions and inspected units of the Fourth Royal Mechanised Division.

## Economic and Business News

### IIC team due here for talks on joint ventures

AMMAN, April 6 (JNA). — A team from the International Investment Corporation will visit Jordan within the next two months to discuss setting up joint ventures with the Jordan Civil Pension Fund, an official source at the fund said today.

### Islamic council bankers will meet to discuss cooperation

AMMAN, April 6 (JNA). — Central bank governors of Islamic countries will meet here on April 15 to discuss financial and currency cooperation among member countries. The week-long meeting is being organised by the general secretariat of the Islamic Congress at Jeddah.

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### Institute of strategic studies to be set up at U. of J.

AMMAN, April 6 (JT). — An institute of strategic studies is to be set up at the University of Jordan. The university's board of trustees has formed a commission to oversee the establishment of the new institute.

### Child Welfare Society elects new board

AMMAN, April 6 (JNA). — Her Highness Princess Basma yesterday presided over the annual general meeting of the Children's Welfare Society. The annual report was read and a new administrative board elected which includes Princess Basma as president and twelve other members. The society now runs eight child nutrition centres in the governorate of Ma'an which care for nearly 700 children. It also runs a nursery in Amman which provides day care for 30 children with working mothers whose families have a limited income.

### Cabinet endorses death sentences

AMMAN, April 6 (JNA). — The cabinet today endorsed death sentences by a special court against four men in the occupied Arab territories for selling property to Israelis.

### Plan to give Amman street names forges ahead

AMMAN, April 6 (JNA). — Mayor Ma'n Abu Nuwwar yesterday chaired an Amman municipal committee meeting to finalise the plan for naming and numbering streets in Amman. Mayor Abu Nuwwar said that about 30,000 plaques have been installed in the city in cooperation with the Department of Statistics. A further 130,000 plaques will be installed within the next few weeks. Mr. Abu Nuwwar explained that Amman is being divided into nine sectors. Each sector is given a number which will be placed beneath the code number 111 assigned to the city of Amman, with the street number appearing on the right.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Book Exhibition

The exhibition of books on fine arts continues today at the University of Jordan Library. The exhibition is on for one week ending Saturday.

## University of Jordan president resigns

AMMAN, April 6 (JT). — President of the University of Jordan Dr. Isbaq Farhan today submitted his resignation to the University's Board of Trustees. The resignation was accepted.

A source close to Dr. Farhan said the resignation was due to "obstacles" that prevented him from carrying out a num-

ber of projects" and hindered the functioning of his administration.

According to the source, the present Jordanian ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Dr. Nasreddin Al-Assad, will succeed Dr. Farhan.

Dr. Al Assad served as the first president of the university when it was established in 1962.

## Potash Co. capital up from JD4.5m. to JD40m.

AMMAN, April 6 (JNA). — The Arab Potash Co. today held its annual meeting at the company's headquarters in Amman under the chairmanship of the Director General of the company, Mr. Ali Al Khasawneh.

Addressing the participants Mr. Al Khasawneh explained that the company's subscribed capital increased in 1977 from JD 4.5 m. to JD 40 m. This will increase about JD 55 m.

Representatives of Arab governments and companies holding shares also attended today's meeting.

Mr. Khasawneh reviewed the company's achievements during the past year when the first stage of the project was carried out cheaper and quicker than had been expected. He pointed out that the company will build a model housing estate for its employees which will be completed within two years.

He added that the company was trying to secure low interest loans. It organised a meeting of potential financiers in London in June 1977 for this purpose.

Another meeting will be held in Amman on April 11. This meeting will be attended by representatives of the Kuwaiti Development Fund, the Arab Fund, the Islamic Bank, U.S. AID, the International Bank and a number of development funds in the Arab world.



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# Unbridled growth of Amman poses a challenge for budding regional planners

By Ian Kellas  
Special to the Jordan Times

Jordan April 6 — Is Jordan becoming a city state? This is a question that has worried planners at least since 1967. The population of Amman, already about 60 per cent of the total, is still growing at a much faster rate than the rest of the country. Moreover 97 per cent of all manufacturing industry is concentrated in the region. A port prepared for the 1976 development Conference went far as to say that "asida umm agriculture... Jordan's economy is the economy of a Jordanian region."

The government has introduced legislation designed to stimulate investment outside the area of the capital. But if there is necessary to stop Amman's involuntary take-over by the Jordanian government, the best way of deciding how to do it is by planning the country in regions.

After a decade of talking about it, the idea of regional planning is now fast becoming reality. The Jordan Valley authority is already almost running regional government. The Amman Urban Region Planning Group was set up last year and is now busy designing a master plan for the area.

And only last week the cabinet agreed to set up a social regional planning group with responsibility for northern Jordan.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, His Highness Crown Prince Hassan has said:

"The regional plan that we have for the Amman region area, which is beginning to take shape and the regional plan we have for the Irbid area... in conjunction with the Jordan Valley development will, I think, for the first time, give some kind of permanence to the idea of establishing home rule in these various areas in the years to come."

What is a region?

So Jordan will be planned and maybe governed — in turn by regions. But the truth is that it has not yet finally decided how big where these regions should be.

The Amman region for instance covers an area roughly 100 km in radius from the centre of the capital. But its boundaries are undefined and does not coincide with any administrative unit. The region is determined by principles of planning.

"A region is where the interrelation of any community interdependent on the other," was how Mr. Ahmad Hindiyeh, Deputy Director of the Amman Urban Region Planning Group, defined it.

The group is working within the framework of the five-year plan. Mr. Hindiyeh said, "you have to start a step slow." The Amman region, he went on, "has never been limited to its potential and its limitations in relation to other regions".

What effect on the rest of the country, for instance does

most services are concentrated here in Amman", he explained and "it is one of our major goals to distribute such activities in other regions". Does this then mean that development of services in the capital must be slowed down? The solution, Mr. Bagaaen said, is not that simple. You have to take into consideration the negative effect that a policy of that sort would have on the whole country.

Part of the group's duties is to "create measures needed to secure social equity".

And according to Director of the group, Mr. Ghaleb Bagaaen, this includes "national equity".

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# American coal miners strike finally over

WASHINGTON, April 6 (R). — The final end of America's longest coal strike was assured yesterday when mine construction workers who had been holding out approved a new contract by a margin of almost two to one.

A spokesman for the United Mine Workers (UMW) union said that with all but five of 51 branches reporting the vote was 2,567 for and 1,427 against.

There were not enough potential negative votes outstanding to prevent ratification, he added.

The 180,000 coal miners approved a new contract on March 24 after a 110-day walkout,

but tentative agreement on a pact covering some 14,000 construction workers was not negotiated until three days later.

Picketing by the construction workers, who build tunnels and above-ground structures, kept thousands of miners idle for several days after the main coal strike ended.

The UMW spokesman said the low voting turnout by the construction workers — about

30 per cent compared with the miners' 60 per cent — was partly because of the transient nature of the work and the traditionally high turnover of employees.

The construction workers' pact gives them essentially the same settlement as the miners, who gained an increase in wages and benefits totaling about 37 per cent over three years.

# Law of Sea delegates approve former Sri Lankan ambassador as president of conference

GENEVA, Switzerland, April 6 (AP). — Ending a bitter nine-day procedural wrangle, delegates to the United Nations sea law talks early today decided to keep Hamidoo Shirley Amerasinghe as conference president.

Confirmation of the former ambassador of Sri Lanka in New York came in two rare votes in the more than four-year-old talks that work on a standing rule that important

## Dollar rises in Tokyo slightly

TOKYO, April 6 (R). — The U.S. dollar rose slightly on the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market today after an initial setback when it fell to the postwar record low rate of 218 yen established last Monday.

The dollar closed at 218.86 yen, compared with a 218.10 opening and 219.40 at last night's close. No central bank intervention was detected in light trading, dealers said.

The initial fall reflected the dollar's slump in New York overnight.

decisions should be taken by consensus.

Conference sources said the majority of delegations, standing firmly behind Mr. Amerasinghe, forced the vote as the only way out of what was shaping up as a permanent deadlock over the Latin American bloc's insistence he was no longer entitled to hold the post.

Meeting in a closed night session the conference approved a proposal by the Asian bloc of countries confirming Amerasinghe as president by a vote of 74-18 with 13 abstentions, the sources said.

Earlier the meeting threw out a Latin American proposal against Mr. Amerasinghe by a vote of 73-21 with 14 abstentions. That vote was whether the bloc's proposal, tabled by Mexico, should be given priority.

There was no vote on the proposal itself which said the presidential issue must be settled by consensus, instead of by voting.

It was precisely the failure to come up with even a near consensus which blocked any solution and approval of the Latin American proposal could well have made the deadlock permanent.

But it was not certain the procedural battle was over and the conference can resume its work of drafting a universal convention to govern future

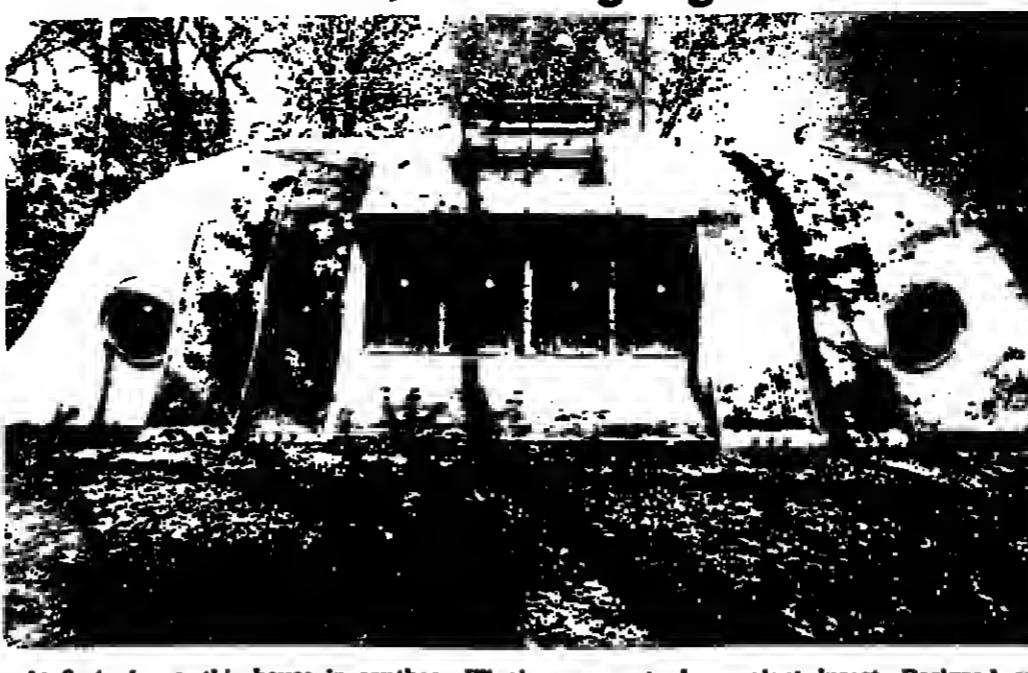
ocean exploration and exploitation.

The Latin American countries have said a president representing no government could be easily manipulated and they objected to setting a precedent for a practice where an exiled politician opposing his own government may become head of a conference in which that government is a participant.

The Latin American bloc also has objected to Amerasinghe's authority in making changes in the basic conference document — essentially a draft sea law convention worked out by the chairman of the three conference commissions on the basis of the debate in the past six sessions.

Mexico announced in a news conference two days ago, once the dispute over Mr. Amerasinghe is solved, the Latin American countries will immediately take up the issue of the president's drafting authority, no matter who he is.

## Giant insect, or bug-eyed house?



At first glance, this house in southern Illinois appears to be a giant insect. Designed and built by its owners, the two-story structure combines numerous conservation and energy-saving features, from solar heating and water recycling systems to wood-burning stoves. This "eyes" are bubble-like windows which capture the sun's rays for light and heat. (IPS photo)

## Israeli teachers join wave of labour unrest

TEL AVIV, April 6 (R). — Over one million Israeli pupils and students missed classes today when their teachers declared a one-day strike, joining the wave of current labour unrest in Israel.

Labour disputes have already led to a lock-out at El Al national airline and silenced the state-owned radio and television services.

The teachers' action hit elementary and high schools and teachers' seminaries, except along Israel's northern border where teachers agreed to make up for time lost during the Israeli invasion of southern Lebanon.

Teachers have threatened to call an indefinite strike after the Passover recess at the end of April to press their demands for pay increases of between 30 and 35 per cent.

Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich has said that 15 per cent is the ceiling for pay increases out of the state budget.

Meanwhile, the El Al lock-out continued though El Al management complied with a court order last night to

allow two Israeli cargo jumbo jets to leave for Europe carrying farm products.

Earlier, flower-growers had threatened to strew thousands of blooms along the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road to protest against the El Al closure which had grounded thousands of flowers destined for Europe.

El Al management, backed by the government, plans to re-organise the airline following labour unrest among maintenance and administrative staff.

Airport sources said other airlines had been swamped by bookings from stranded El Al passengers since the closure on Tuesday.

Israeli radio and television services remained off the air with only army radio operating as broadcasting journalists continued their strike for an interim 25 per cent pay increase.

The Israeli Journalists Association has threatened to renew its just-concluded daily newspaper strike if the government continues to block the increase for radio and T.V. newsmen.

## Saudi Arabia to build first solar-powered electricity plant

Riyadh, April 6 (R). — Sa

udi Arabia is to build its first electricity plant powered by solar energy under a five-million rial (\$1.5 million) contract signed with the French firm Sofrance here yesterday.

The 240-kilowatt plant will be used for water pumping and illumination, according to

the Industry and Electricity Minister, Dr. Ghazi Al Qusaihi, who signed the agree

ment for Saudi Arabia.

Dr. Al Qusaihi also said

that his country sought effective participation in special research on solar energy. Last month it hosted an international symposium on the exploitation of solar energy.

Saudi Arabia has also an

agreement with the United States providing for the de

velopment of solar energy to

be used in water desalination.

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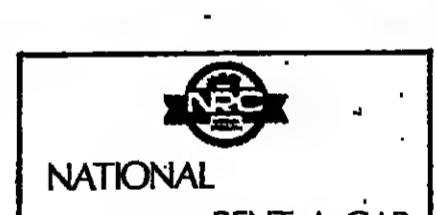


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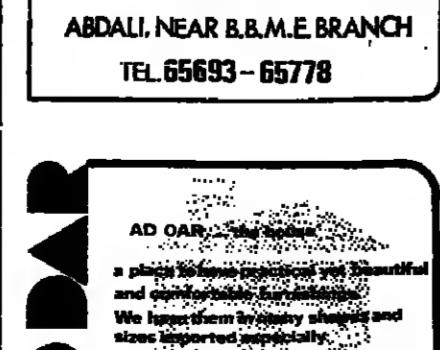
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**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) Contact new acquaintances who can assist you to gain personal aims more quickly. Get out to group affairs where you can make new contacts. Don't neglect to pay pressing bills.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to July 21) Go to the most prominent leader you know and get help you need of a civic nature. Do something that will be of assistance to your community.

**LEO** (July 22 to Aug. 21) Look into new projects that can assist you to become more successful in the future. Follow intuition about handling a very important matter. Don't listen to opinions of others who are jealous of you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study your promises from every angle and know best how to carry through with them intelligently.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Try to get ahead of the work before you. Have a talk with co-workers and coordinate efforts more effectively. Don't be led around by the nose by an inferior.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Put ideas to work that will help you to have better health and vitality. Suggestions made in the past finally begin to pay off.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Plan to have more social pleasure in the future and in the circles that appeal to you. Show more devotion to those you truly like.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Shop around for appliances that will make work easier. Entertain persons you like at home which could lead to fine things ahead.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You are clever now in finding better ways of increasing productivity in business, so put them to use quickly. First discuss them with your allies and get their okay. Be careful of strangers.

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# Marcos' party assured of win in 1st election under martial law

MANILA, April 6 (R). — President Ferdinand Marcos's party is assured of overall victory tomorrow in the first Philippines elections since he imposed martial law in 1972, but opponents claim ballot will be rigged.

About 20 million people may vote, to fill 165 elected seats in a new assembly. With only limited powers, this will be a step in transition to parliamentary rule.

Mr. Marcos denounces absurd claims by the opposition People's Power Group that such tricks as producing fictitious voters will be used to rig the polls.

The president's New Society Movement has the only national lists throughout the 13 electoral regions and is thus assured of its overall victory.

But the issue of the integrity of the ballot has special meaning in Manila itself, where presidential prestige is at stake.

There, the New Society team contesting 21 seats is led by the president's wife, Mrs. Imelda Marcos, 49, and she faces

strong opposition from the People's Power Group.

Its list is headed by detained ex-Senator Benigno Aquino.

The New Society Movement also faces some opposition in Mindanao, in the far south of the chain of islands which form the republic, where Moslem rebels are active.

Altogether some 600 candidates, many of them independents given little chance of winning, are contesting the 165 seats at stake for the 200-man interim assembly. The other assembly seats will be filled through indirect elections and by presidential appointments.

President Marcos himself is not standing. Under the new constitution, the president automatically also becomes prime minister with a seat in the new assembly.

He retains decree-making po-

wers though he has promised to devolve them gradually on the new assembly, which he can dissolve at any time if he feels the transitional experiment is not working.

He has 12 of his 27-man cabinet standing for seats.

The People's Power Campaign Manager, former Senator Lorenzo Tanada, told foreign correspondents today that he believed the president considered it vital to assure his wife first place in the voting.

He alleged that some sample opinion polls suggested this was unlikely and that the government had therefore prepared schemes to fix the Manila vote, including registering some 500,000 transient voters additional to an anticipated 3.2 million people on the capital's register.

Mr. Tanada said his fears were reinforced by the fact that his group had not yet been able to obtain a full list of voters or polling sites.

Election Commissioner Vencio Duque told Reuters tonight that the list of voting places was published in today's newspapers but he did not explain why this had contained the specific proviso that it was not a full list.

The New Society Movement has told government servants normally resident in Manila that they should vote in the capital and not as they did in the past, in their provincial homes. The government faces little opposition in the provinces.

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Jordan is screening in gory detail the death and destruction in Lebanon caused by Israel's March 11 invasion.

For Israelis, accustomed to their own network's bland footage of Lebanese countryside and happy Arab families welcoming the Jewish troops, Jordan's reportage is an eye-opener.

A few dismiss it as Arab propaganda, even though it comes off the satellite from Europe and the United States. "But many people are deeply shocked," says television critic Philip Gilon.

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## Hyderabad to lift curfew

HYDERABAD, India, April 5 (R). — A round-the-clock curfew imposed on Hyderabad after bloody rioting on Monday will be lifted tomorrow following an understanding reached between the state government and opposition parties.

Dr. M. Chenna Reddy, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh sta-

ted, told newsmen that all those detained as a preventive measure rising from the disturbances would be released and the government would review the cases of those arrested for specific offences.

Government offices, schools and colleges will function normally from tomorrow he said.

## Rare Gutenberg Bible to be auctioned in New York

NEW YORK, April 6 (R). — One of the world's rarest and most valuable books -- a Gutenberg Bible -- will be auctioned in New York tomorrow and is expected to fetch more than \$1 million.

The two-volume Bible, the prize possession of the General Theological Seminary of America, goes on sale at Christie's Auctioneers.

The Bible, which used to be kept under lock and key at the New York Episcopal Seminary, contains unique typographical errors -- one page is printed twice.

The error came to light only recently. "People have been looking at the book for years, but only recently did someone decide to read it," a Christie's spokeswoman said.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to create an endowment for the seminary's library -- in financial difficulties recently.

The Gutenberg is only one of 47 still existing of the 200 which made up the first book printed with moveable type.

This particular one last sold for \$126,000 in 1926.

Gutenberg Bibles usually come onto the market only once a decade. But last month New York had three for sale, including the present one.

The Gutenberg Museum in Mainz, West Germany, bought one in early March. It paid \$1.8 million to rare book dealer Hans Kraus, who had purchased the copy for the same amount.

Mr. Kraus refused comment on why he let his book go for the same price he had paid for it. "Don't rub it in," he told one reporter.

The seminary's Gutenberg also contains one page that was faked -- it was not printed by Gutenberg but done by hand.

The faked page has since been replaced by the proper, printed page, but it will be included in the sale.

## Britons bid for change in absurd Sunday shopping laws

By A. O. Sulzberger Jr.

LONDON (AP). — When supermarket owner Vernon Taylor walked into court last month he carried an airplane wing under his arm.

Mr. Taylor, of Wickham Market, England, was charged with selling a packet of soap powder on Sunday. He argued that under Britain's Sunday trading laws, he could sell airplane parts -- hence the wing -- any day he felt like it. Why couldn't he sell soap powder?

He was fined £25 and told not to do it again.

By long tradition, almost all shops in Britain close on Sunday. Shopping areas from Wickham Market to London stand deserted. It's a tradition that most Britons feel is ridiculous and out of date. But more than that is a tradition fraught with some very odd exceptions.

### 1960 Shops Act

Organizations trying to change it are having a tough time doing so.

Under the Shop Act of 1950, shopkeepers:

-- Can sell fish or chips (French fries) but not fish and chips, if you see the difference.

-- Can sell fresh milk but not canned milk, or baby food for that matter.

-- Can sell paperback books, magazines and newspapers but not hardcover books. On Sundays, one can buy Playboy, but not the Bible.

-- Can sell horse fodder but not timmed food.

"Everybody agrees that the laws at the moment are absurd," said Sally Humphries of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities. AMA represents major British cities and is trying to change the Sunday trading laws.

### Half-cooked tripe

May 15, for example, builder Bill Longworth announced his intention to ignore the act and sell half-cooked tripe to protest the law.

Under the law, it's just dandy to sell raw tripe, but if you cook it first, you face a law.

"Tripe," explained Mr. Longworth, "is a dish which reveals the stupidity of the law."

Cornish shopping tycoon Mike Robertson planned a more complicated way of circumventing the law.

According to the Home Office, 411 people in England and Wales had court proceedings taken against them in 1976 for Sunday selling. Of those, 379 were found guilty.

Many shops simply break the law, either staying open when they should not or selling goods which should not be sold. A drug store, for example, can sell medicine on Sunday, but not hair spray. Some sell both and hope an inspector does not catch them.

In one answer to the problem, a Sunday market on a disused airfield in Farnham, near Buntingford, became a club, making use of a section of the Shops Act which allows clubs to sell goods on Sunday. Membership costs are 20 pence a year.

### Local government control?

In November, 1977, AMA met with the Home Office, which controls Britain's

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Israelis have been T.V. addicts since their network opened in 1968. Because no commercials are shown, viewers tend to watch the screen as though they were at the movies. Many turn on their sets at 8 p.m. and sit through everything until stations close at midnight.

### Tuning in to Egypt

Some Israelis are tuning in to Egyptian television, which comes through clearly when Israeli stations are off the air.

"There's a lot of dancing, Arabic music and films, religious stuff and we watch it all," says Mario Caster, a professed addict. "My wife and I have nothing else to do."

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### U.S. officials believe Brezhnev has pacemaker

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP). — U.S. officials believe Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev, whose frequent disappearance from public view have raised questions about his health, been given an electronic heart pacemaker. Mr. Brezhnev disappeared from public view last Dec. 12 and was not seen until January. At the time, it was speculated that he had suffered an undisclosed ailment. American officials believe that during this period that the pacemaker was implanted. The device, which is placed just under the skin, regulates the pulse through electronic methods.

### U.S. Senate sets date for Panama vote

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP). — The U.S. Senate set a date for its final showdown vote on the Panama Canal Treaty yesterday, while dealing treaty foes an unexpected sharp defeat, a move to give the House of Representatives an equal voice on the issue. Leaders of the pro and anti-treaty factions agreed to put the second of the two pacts to a vote on April 18. That means the Senate will have only nine working days to consider amendments and reservations before taking a final vote on the issue. Previously the Senate had set a deadline of April 26 for the ratification test. But with the debate already two months of Senate leaders and anti-treaty strategists acknowledged a need to bring the issue to a conclusion.

### MPAIAC claims bomb attack on police station

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, April 6 (R). — The Canaries Island separatist movement MPAIAC today claimed responsibility for a bomb attack on a police station here last night. A man claiming to represent MPAIAC, which has been responsible for series of similar attacks in recent months, told a local paper the bomb was placed to "welcome" the "Canaries" recently arrived police chief to his post. Police said they were holding a number of people in connection with the attack. The bomb caused considerable damage to the police building but there were no injuries.

### Pravda condemns NATO exercises off Ethiopia

MOSCOW, April 6 (R). — The Soviet daily Pravda today condemned as a provocation NATO naval exercises it said were taking place off Ethiopia. The exercises "deserve a most resolute condemnation by all who cherish the cause of peace, freedom and progress in the African continent," the Communist Party newspaper said. Western military circles had "not abandoned attempts at bringing pressure to bear on Ethiopia, at inventing new pretenses for interference in the developments in the Horn of Africa," it added. Soviet warships were reported earlier this year to be shelling areas of the Ethiopian coastline.

## Major Angolan offensives reported

WINDHOEK, South West Africa (Namibia), April 6 (R).

The South African forces said yesterday Angolan troops backed by SWAPO guerrillas and MiG jets flown by Cubans and East Germans have launched major offensives against UNITA (Union for the Total Independence of Angola) guerrillas from the areas.

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He said the aim of his offensive was to flush UNITA guerrillas out of Cuando-Cubango province.

According to South African information, UNITA controlled 90 per cent of the province, which borders South West Africa, before the start of the offensive two weeks ago.

So far 700 refugees had moved south over the border, he added.

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A U.S. Embassy spokesman said the written protest to the Soviet Foreign Ministry deplored what it described as unsubstantiated charges levelled against five journalists.

The five, who have all left Moscow, were Peter Osnos of the Washington Post, Christopher Wren of the New York Times, Robert Toth of the Los Angeles Times, former Newsweek correspondent Alfred Friendly and Associated Press correspondent George Krimsky.

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